AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for print preview which presents printout before printing by the digital printer, comprising

a print setting portion for setting a first page to be printed, a last page to be printed, and the number of pages to be printed on one sheet;

a display portion;

a display data storage portion for storing display data representing content to be displayed on the display portion;

a print data storage portion for storing print data for a plurality of pages to be printed by the digital printer;

a one-sheet data storage portion for storing display data for one sheet; and

a display control portion for transferring and storing print data corresponding to the printout to be displayed as the print preview from the print data storage portion to the display data storage portion via the one-sheet data storage portion, and thereby presenting the printout on the display portion;

wherein the display control portion ~~stores print data corresponding to a plurality of sheets of printout~~ transfers and stores print data for more than two pages from the print data storage portion to the one-sheet data storage portion as the display data for one sheet, based on a print setting set by the print setting portion;

wherein the display control portion transfers and stores the display data successively stored to the one-sheet data storage portion to the display data storage portion while offsetting the storage address for each sheet of display ~~print~~ data, while preventing ~~transferring~~ transfer of display data associated with the part of the print data ~~representing the plurality of sheets of~~

~~printout that is print data~~ corresponding to an area located behind another sheet as a result of stacking a [[the]] plurality of sheets out of the print data for a plurality of pages; and

the display portion presents printout for the plurality of sheets in parallel offset positions sheet by sheet ~~page by page~~ based on the display data stored in the display data storage portion by the display control portion.

2. Cancelled.

3. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as described in claim 1, further comprising

a first input operation portion for receiving input specifying one or multiple sheets to be presented in an offset display on the display portion;

a second input operation portion for receiving input specifying an offset distance for the sheets to be presented in the offset display; and

a third input operation portion for receiving input specifying an offset direction for the sheets to be presented in the offset display;

wherein the display control portion stores display ~~print~~ data corresponding to the printout of the one or multiple sheets in the display data storage portion while shifting the data storage address of each sheet based on the offset distance and offset direction set according to the input received by the first input operation portion, second input operation portion, and third input operation portion; and

the display portion displays the printout of the one or multiple sheets in a stacked arrangement with each sheet shifted the offset distance in the offset direction according to the input received by the first input operation portion, second input operation portion, and third input operation portion.

4. (Currently Amended) An apparatus as described in claim 1, further comprising a fourth input operation portion for receiving input specifying a sheet to be presented in the foreground on the display portion;

wherein, when input specifying the sheet to be presented in the foreground is received,

the display control portion overwrites display ~~print~~ data corresponding to the printout of the specified sheet in the display data storage; and

the display portion presents the specified sheet in the foreground.

5. (Currently Amended) A printout display method of an apparatus for print preview and having a print setting portion for setting a first page to be printed, a last page to be printed, and the number of pages to be printed on one sheet; a display portion, a display data storage portion for storing display data representing content to be displayed on the display portion, ~~and~~ a print data storage portion for storing print data for a plurality of pages, and a one-sheet data storage portion for storing display data for one sheet, the printout display method comprising:

a storage address calculating step of calculating an offset storage address in the display data storage portion for each sheet of display ~~print~~ data for a plurality of sheets where the print data corresponds ~~is correspond~~ to the printout to be displayed as the print preview;

a data transfer step of transferring and storing data stored in the print data storage portion to the display data storage portion via the one-sheet data storage portion, the data transfer step including transferring and storing print data for more than two pages from the print data storage portion to the one-sheet data storage portion as the display data for one sheet, based on a print setting set by the print setting portion; and transferring and storing the display data successively stored to the one-sheet data storage portion based on the storage addresses calculated in the storage address calculating step, while preventing ~~transferring~~ transfer of display data associated

with the part of the print data ~~representing the plurality of sheets of printout that is print data~~ corresponding to an area located behind another sheet as a result of stacking the plurality of sheets; and

a display step of presenting printout for the plurality of sheets in parallel offset positions sheet by sheet on the display portion based on the display data stored in the display data storage portion in the data transfer step.

6. Cancelled.

7. (Currently Amended) A printout display method as described in claim 5, further comprising

a first input receiving step of receiving input specifying one or multiple sheets to be presented in an offset display in the display step;

a second input receiving step of receiving input specifying an offset distance for the sheets to be presented in the offset display; and

a third input receiving step of receiving input specifying an offset direction for the sheets to be presented in the offset display;

wherein, in the data transfer step, the display ~~print~~ data corresponding to the printout of the one or multiple sheets is stored in the display data storage portion while the data storage address of each sheet is shifted based on the offset distance and offset direction set according to the input received in the first input receiving step, second input receiving step, and third input receiving step; and

in the display step, the printout of the one or multiple sheets is displayed in a stacked arrangement with each sheet shifted the offset distance in the offset direction according to the

input received in the first input receiving step, second input receiving step, and third input receiving step.

8. (Currently Amended) A printout display method as described in claim 5, further comprising

a step of receiving input specifying a sheet to be presented in the foreground in the display step;

wherein, when input specifying the sheet to be presented in the foreground is received, display ~~print~~ data corresponding to the printout of the specified sheet is overwritten in the data transfer step; and

the specified sheet is presented in the foreground in the display step.

9. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable recording medium bearing a printout display program for displaying printout in an apparatus for print preview, the apparatus having a print setting portion for setting a first page to be printed, a last page to be printed, and the number of pages to be printed on one sheet; a display portion, a display data storage portion for storing display data representing content to be displayed on the display portion, ~~and~~ a print data storage portion for storing print data for a plurality of pages, and a one-sheet data storage portion for storing display data for one sheet, the printout display program, when executed by a computer, causing the computer to perform:

a storage address calculating step of calculating an offset storage address in the display data storage portion for each sheet of display ~~print~~ data for a plurality of sheets where the print data corresponds ~~is correspond~~ to the printout to be displayed as the print preview;

a data transfer step of transferring and storing data stored in the print data storage portion to the display data storage portion via the one-sheet data storage portion, the data transfer step

including transferring and storing print data for more than two pages from the print data storage portion to the one-sheet data storage portion as the display data for one sheet, based on a print setting set by the print setting portion; and transferring and storing the display data successively stored to the one-sheet data storage portion based on the storage addresses calculated in the storage address calculating step, while preventing ~~transferring~~ transfer of display data associated with the part of the print data ~~representing the plurality of sheets of printout that is print data~~ corresponding to an area located behind another sheet as a result of stacking the plurality of sheets; and

a display step of presenting printout for the plurality of sheets in parallel offset positions sheet by sheet on the display portion based on the display data stored in the display data storage portion in the data transfer step.

10. Cancelled.

11. (Previously presented) The computer-readable recording medium as described in claim 9, when executed by a computer, causing the computer to further perform:

a first input receiving step of receiving input specifying one or multiple sheets to be presented in the offset display in the display step;

a second input receiving step of receiving input specifying an offset distance for the sheets to be presented in the offset display; and

a third input receiving step of receiving input specifying an offset direction for the sheets to be presented in the offset display;

wherein, in the data transfer step, the display ~~print~~ data corresponding to the printout of the one or multiple sheets is stored in the display data storage portion while the data storage address of each sheet is shifted based on the offset distance and offset direction set according to

the input received in the first input receiving step, second input receiving step, and third input receiving step; and

in the display step, the printout of the one or multiple sheets is displayed in a stacked arrangement with each sheet shifted the offset distance in the offset direction according to the input received in the first input receiving step, second input receiving step, and third input receiving step.

12. (Previously presented) The computer-readable recording medium as described in claim 9, when executed by a computer, causing the computer to further perform:

a step of receiving input specifying a sheet to be presented in the foreground in the display step;

wherein, when input specifying the sheet to be presented in the foreground is received,

display ~~print~~ data corresponding to the printout of the specified sheet is overwritten in the data transfer step; and

the specified sheet is presented in the foreground in the display step.